

June 28, 1977

Truck crash leaves fuel at intersection

Firemen washed a large quantity of diesel fuel from the street at the scene of a truck accident at Wabash and Division early Monday.

Calvin F. Roofener, 36, Moore, Okla., was eastbound when he attempted to turn south and the right rear wheels on his tractor-trailer truck went into a ditch, police said. As the vehicle turned sideways the left wheels raised off the ground.

The truck grille was damaged and the truck axle also caused some street damage, officers reported. Roofener was not injured.

1900 W. Division

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION OF Memo to File

DATE June 27, 1977

DEPARTMENT _____

Re: Diesel fuel and oil spill
at Wabash and Division

I received a call at 6:05 a.m. from Harry Criswell on the above date concerning a reported spill at the above location. I responded to the call and found a City Fire Department pumper waiting there. I was informed that they had decided not to wash the fuel and oil off the street and that they had ordered a load of sawdust to cover the spill. The City arrived shortly with the sawdust and spread it over the material. I then talked to the truck driver, Calvin Roofener, who told me that he turned the corner too close to the ditch and the tractor tipped part way over. When the fuel from his left saddle tank flowed into the right tank, it began overflowing through the air vent. I estimated this quantity to be 10-20 gallons. The refrigeration unit on the trailer also lost 1-2 gallons of oil. The truck was owned by Fox Smythe Refrigerator Service and was headed for Action Transfer and Storage Company. I informed Mr. Roofener that he should contact the CWC and gave him the number. He was very cooperative. Very little of the spilled material reached the storm ditch.

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John T. Witherspoon, S & E

1900 W. Division